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SUBJ: PROPOSED CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO

REF: JAKARTA 8769

1. YOUR TALKING POINTS (REFTEL) SEEM FINE INsofar AS WE CAN JUDGE THE SITUATION FROM THIS DISTANCE. HOWEVER, RECENT REPORTING SUGGESTS SUHARTO MAY BE IN MORE THAN USUAL NEED OF EVIDENCE US INTEREST AND SUPPORT. IF THIS IS THE CASE, YOUR MAIN THEME PROBABLY SHOULD BE REASSURANCE THAT WE CONTINUE PLACE HIGH VALUE ON OUR CLOSE COOPERATIVE RELATIONS AND THAT CHANGES IN OUR ASSISTANCE DO NOT REFLECT ANY DIMINUTION OF OUR DETERMINATION GIVE MAXIMUM APPROPRIATE SUPPORT TO INDONESIAN DEVELOPMENT.

2. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE ACTIVELY EXPLORING WAYS AND MEANS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WHICH INDONESIA GENUINELY NEEDS IN CHANGED ECONOMIC SITUATION. HOWEVER, WE HAVE IMPRESSION

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NEED FOR CONCESSIONAL ASSISTANCE IS NOW VERY GREATLY REDUCED, SO OUR CURRENT EFFORTS MAY NOT APPEAR ALL THAT HELPFUL FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW. IF THIS IS CASE, YOUR DISCUSSION MIGHT BE AIMED IN PART AT CONVINCING HIM THAT INDONESIA'S OIL REVENUES HAVE GENUINELY ALTERED AID REQUIREMENTS. WE REALIZE DELICACY ANY SUCH APPROACH BUT THINK IT BASIC TO SUCCESS OF OUR "TRANSITION" STRATEGY

THAT GOI LEADERSHIP AGREE WITH US ON WHAT IS NEEDED.

3. AS REGARDS EXIM, WE ARE IN NO POSITION MAKE COMMITMENTS OF ANY SORT, EVEN IMPLIED COMMITMENTS. YOU MAY POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT BANK IS INTERESTED, REGARDS RECENT MEETING HERE WITH GOI DELEGATION AS VALUABLE OPENER, AND IS NOW ACTIVELY CONSIDERING GOI APPLICATIONS ON PRIORITY PROJECTS. ANTICIPATED CASEY VISIT WILL PROVIDE FURTHER OPPORTUNITY EXPLORE THIS AREA POTENTIALLY VERY IMPORTANT USG/GOI COOPERATION.

4. IN CONNECTION YOUR DISCUSSION ICCS, BELIEVE YOU SHOULD TAKE OPPORTUNITY STRESS OUR VIEW OF PRG, GENTLY MAKING CLEAR THAT MALIK'S THREE VIET NAMS CONCEPT IS NEITHER ACCEPTABLE TO US NOR REALISTIC IN TERMS OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DRV AND PRG.

5. IF ATMOSPHERE SEEMS APPROPRIATE, YOU ALSO MAY WANT TO MENTION TWO OTHER ISSUES WHICH TROUBLE US, I.E. OIL PRICE INCREASES AND GOI CAR IMPORT POLICIES. WE LEAVE THIS ENTIRELY TO YOUR DISCRETION, HOWEVER.

6. WE WILL SEND BY SEPTTEL FAIRLY SOON OUR COMMENTS ON LOS ASPECTS YOUR MEETING. INGERSOLL

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